Home Minister's visit to US

929. SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Home Minister paid a visit to United States of America recently in 2009; and

(b) if so, the details of discussion took place and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Naxals of Chhattisgarh ready for talk with Government

†930. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the required cooperation is being given by all the States to the antinaxal joint campaign;

(b) whether new experiences have been reported regarding different aspects of this problem from the Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh regions;

(c) whether naxalites in Chhattisgarh are ready to talk;

(d) whether the Government of Chhattisgarh is ready to talk with naxalites, if they turn non-violent;

(e) whether affected States have demanded more funds for development and for the special security forces; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) While at the macro level, the violence in the two States of Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand has not shown much variation in the last two years, there is a shift in the tactics of the naxals from Guerilla warfare to mobile warfare, wherein they have shown greater mobility than in the past.

(c) The Government of Chhattisgarh has informed that the State Government has not received any proposal from the CPI (Maoists) for talks.

(d) There is a general consensus that a uniform policy *vis-à-vis* naxalites needs to be followed, particularly in view of the fact that naxal activities cut across State boundaries. With a view to bringing the extremist elements into the mainstream, surrender and rehabilitation policies are also in place in the naxal affected States, which also implies the need to abjure violence and give up arms.

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